

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: H-0002 CH-834

Address: 7500 St. Mary's Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Piperni, Gino and Elizabeth J.

Tax Parcel Number: 70 Tax Map Number: 44

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no    yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no    yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: X no    yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

7500 St. Mary's Avenue is a one-and-one-half-story, wood frame bungalow with a front gable roof. A partial-width, enclosed, front gable roof porch sit to the south edge of the main elevation (east) of the dwelling. The house is clad with asbestos siding. A large one-story, side gable roof wing has been added to the south elevation of the house. This stuccoed wing serves a commercial store.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to Charles County's overall community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. The Robert Crain Highway was completed in 1927 and it provided the most direct way to Baltimore and points north of Charles County. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s. With the introduction of the Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, Crain Highway, now known as U.S. 301, was transformed from a local road into a bypass for traffic traveling between Florida and New York.

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<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/27/99</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
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Although Charles County was still primarily rural, by the 1930's, La Plata and the surrounding areas began to grow significantly because of the development of Crain Highway. Non-agricultural business began to increase around La Plata and the county seat's position within Charles County became economically more diverse. Development, including housing, increased as a result of Crain Highway and the influx of new businesses and investment into the area.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s.

Built circa 1930, this mixed use building is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential and commercial development along U.S. 301 surrounding La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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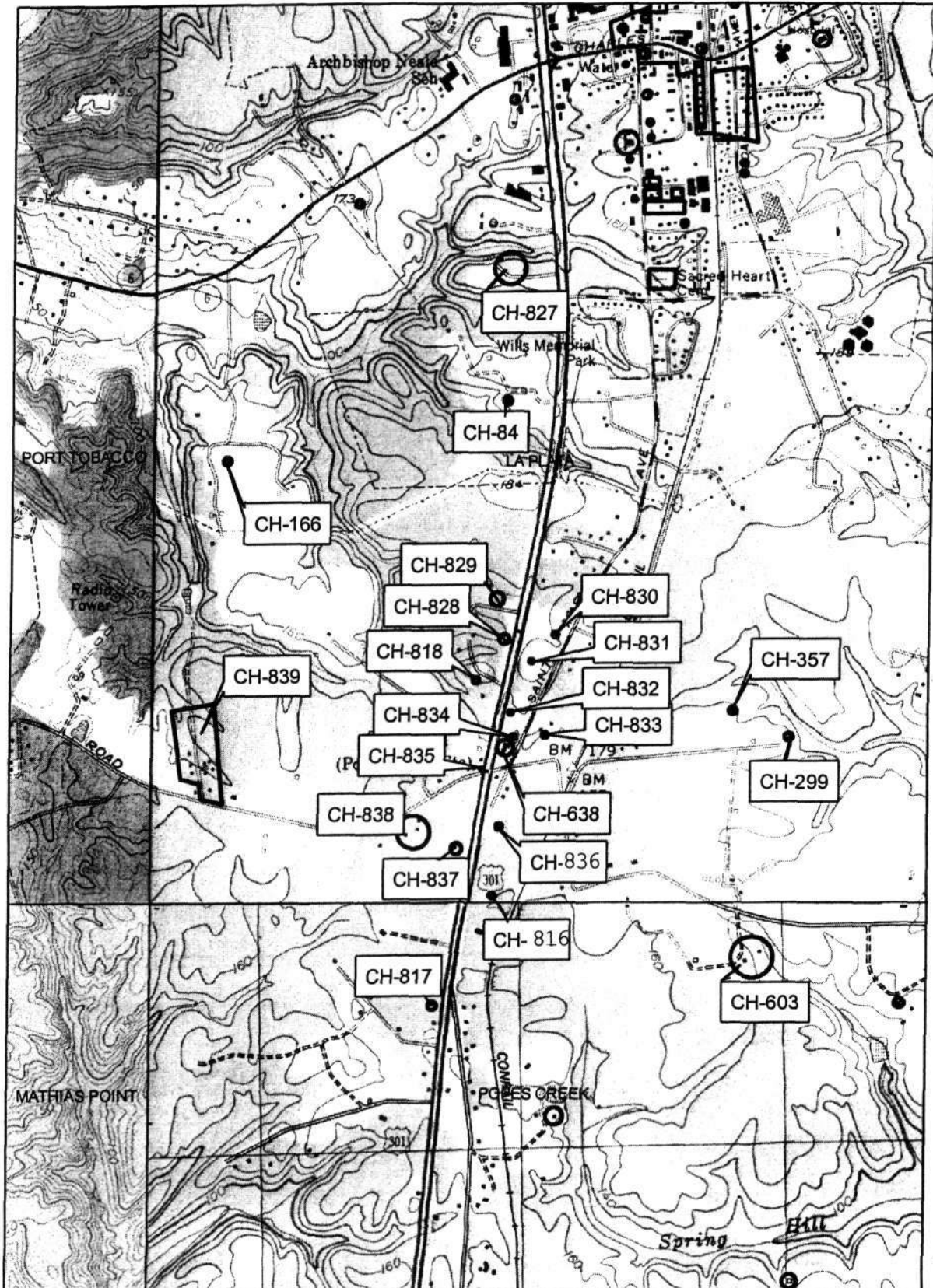
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